

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/602,345	ZULUAGA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Parikha S. Mehta	3737	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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(2) Faustino Lichauco. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 19 July 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1-13,20,21,43,44 and 46-51.

Identification of prior art discussed: Hayes et al (US Patent No. 4,967,745).

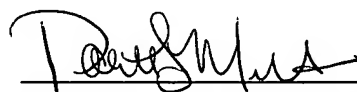
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

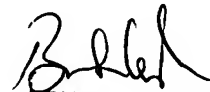
(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner clarified basis of final rejection in view of Hayes ('745), suggested that, following receipt of the pending Advisory Action, Applicant may wish to amend the independent claims to more explicitly recite the structure of the atraumatic light coupler (i.e., homogenous, solid, etc.). The shield and tip of the Hayes ('745) device (Fig. 4) constitute the atraumatic light coupler as recited in claim 1 of the instant application, and therefore the claims as previously amended stand rejected in view of Hayes ('745). Examiner further clarified that the addition of the phrase "configured to atraumatically contact the intraluminal wall at a point at which light exits the atraumatic light-coupler and enters the wall" is not effective to overcome the Hayes ('745) reference, as the reference invention is shown to be configured as such in Figure 4A..



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